

Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church

1871 - 1976



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Rev. Clarence G. Robinson
Pastor

Rev. L. James Perry
Assistant Pastor

HISTORY OF OLIVET A.M.E. CHURCH

by Lola Stewart Mathews

The Olivet A.M.E. Church was organized in 1870 by its first pastor, the Reverend J. Bundy and nine charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Farrow Powell, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bridgeman, James Hurst, J. B. Lott and John Powell. The organization became a legal entity by Articles of Association, March 16, 1871, under the name "Olivet Chapel Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Bend". Said articles were signed by James Hurst, Farrow Powell, J. H. Jackson, Catherine Wilson and Alice Fowler, and provided, among other things, "The object of this association is to spread the Gospel under and in accordance with rules and discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church".

The first trustees: Farrow Powell, James Jackson and James Hurst, purchased the site at 310 West Monroe Street. Shortly thereafter, the first building was erected under the leadership of the Reverend J. Bundy. Later, it was remodeled and completed by the Reverend George W. Benson. The second building was erected in 1916-17 during the administration of the Reverend C. Emery Allen. This building was opened February 4, 1917, and was dedicated during the Michigan Annual Conference in September, 1917, by the late Right Reverend C. S. Smith, presiding bishop. The pipe organ was unveiled on October 23, 1917, under the pastorate of the Reverend A. T. Readding.

During the pastorate of the Reverend Roderick S. Johnson, the membership purchased the Lowell Heights Methodist Church and parsonage at 719 and 724 North Notre Dame Avenue, moving in on December 7, 1969. At 4:00 P.M. on that day the Right Reverend H. Thomas Primm, presiding bishop of the 4th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Olivet is a member, made the formal dedication. On December 16, 1971, a banquet observing the 100th anniversary of the church was held in the Indiana Club.

In September, 1972, Bishop Primm appointed the Reverend Clarence G. Robinson as pastor. The balance on the church property was \$45,000.00. Under his leadership we were able to liquidate our mortgage in three short years. In December, 1975, we owed \$5,000.00. Pastor Robinson then suggested putting on a special pledge drive so that we could pay our mortgage out in 30 days. Our theme, "You Make the Effort, God Will Make the Way" was adopted, and on January 1, 1976, the trustees made final payment on the church property.

Since its inception, Olivet has directed its program toward the religious and social improvement of local Negro residents. For many years it was the only center of their social, political and religious life. It was known as "the colored church" until others were organized some years later.

The following pastors have served this church:

Rev. J. Bundy	Rev. Wm. Simpson	Rev. R. Francis Washington
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Rev. Andrew Furgenson	Rev. Benjamin Roberts	Rev. Wm. B. Baber
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Rev. J. K. Hart	Rev. S. T. Byrd	Rev. Clarence G. Robinson
Rev. E. E. Gregory	Rev. I. K. Merchant	
Rev. W. H. Brown	Rev. H. Tantsi (died)	

We have a great heritage to preserve. Under the leadership of our present pastor, the Reverend Clarence G. Robinson, we will continue to accept the object expressed by our fathers "..... to spread the Gospel under and in accordance with the rules and discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church....."

Bishop Primm obtained his childhood education in the Public Schools of Nashville, Tennessee. He received his A.B. Degree from Fish University and his B.D. Degree from Payne Theological Seminary. Honorary Degrees include: D. D., Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, L.L.D., Allen University, Columbia, S. Carolina, and L.H.D., Momovia College, Momovia, Liberia.

Pastored in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, Port Gibson, Mississippi, Alexandria and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Presided over the following Conferences (More territory in the U.S.A. than any other Bishop in the history of the A.M.E. Church) Eighth District: Mississippi, E. Mississippi, N. Mississippi, Central-North Mississippi Conferences. Louisiana, North Louisiana, and Central Louisiana Conferences. Other Conferences: Texas, Missouri, Kansas-Nebraska, Colorado California, and Puget Sound Conferences. Fourth District: (Present Area) Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, Michigan and Ontario-Canadian Conferences.



HOWARD THOMAS PRIMM
Presiding Bishop



HENDERSON S. DAVIS
Presiding Elder

Elder Henderson Sheridan Davis received his A.B. Degree from Wilberforce University, B.D. from Payne Seminary and his P.H.D. from Boston University. He taught at Payne Seminary and Wilberforce University from 1945-1951. He also taught at Allen University, Columbia, S. C. from 1951-1957. Elder Davis was head of the Department of Psychology, Philosophy and Religion and the Dean of Dickerson Seminary.

Elder Davis was ordained in the Indiana Conference in 1938. He has pastored churches in Indiana, Michigan, Massachusetts, Ohio, South Carolina, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He is builder of the New St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Des Moines, Iowa in 1972.

Appointed Presiding Elder of the North District of the Indiana Conference, September, 1973.



PASTOR'S WORD

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is that blessed assurance of knowing that God is the answer.

The viability of God's Church lives within His people. If you have a mind to do God's Will, there are no obstacles that can hinder its progress.

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OPENING HYMN

REV. BOOKER WEST, PRESIDING St. Paul Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

SELECTION Choir, St. Paul Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

PRAYER Rev. R. H. Derrickson
Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

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Pentecostal Church of God in Christ

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SERMON Rev. J. L. Shead
First Baptist Church, Kingsford Heights

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OFFERING Rev. R. H. Derrickson
Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church

BENEDICTION

FRIDAY EVENING - APRIL 2, 1976

OPENING HYMN Rev. Clarence G. Robinson

REV. COLLINS GRAY, PRESIDING Layman Chapel C.M.E. Church

SELECTION Choir, Layman Chapel C.M.E. Church

PRAYER Rev. Raleigh B. Ragland
New Salem Baptist Church

SELECTION Choir, New Salem Baptist Church

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SELECTION Choir, 2nd Baptist Church

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Grace A.M.E. Zion Church

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OFFERING Rev. Raleigh B. Ragland
New Salem Baptist Church

BENEDICTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1976

ORDER OF SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Mrs. Anne Williams
INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
CALL TO WORSHIP
MORNING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" - No. 375
SELECTION Choir
ALTAR CALL
RESPONSIVE READING
DECALOGUE
SELECTION Choir
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OFFERING - TITHES - MISSIONARY
OFFERTORY RESPONSE "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord"
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
SELECTION Choir
MESSAGE Bishop H. Thomas Primm
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Choir
RECESSIONAL - DOXOLOGY - BENEDICTION

ORDER OF SERVICE

4:00 P.M.

INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" - No. 35
PRAYER
SCRIPTURE
SELECTIONS: A & B Choir
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER
SELECTION Choir
MESSAGE
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Choir
OFFERING
MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY
REMARKS
BENEDICTION

BANQUET PROGRAM

GREETINGS Mrs. Grayson Warren, Sr.
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INTRODUCTION OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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PRESENTATIONS:

MUSIC SELECTIONS Valiant Men of Olivet

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AWAY

I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dea— he is just away
With a cheery smile and a wave
of the hand,
As he wandered into an unknown
land.
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers
there.

Wife, Frances Roberts

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Robert E. Roberts

In loving Memory of my

FATHER and MOTHER

OTTO and SARAH POWELL

I CANNOT THINK OF THEM AS DEAD

I cannot think of them as dead
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread
They have but gone before.

The Father's house is mansioned fair
Beyond my vision dim,
All souls are his, and here or there
Are living unto him

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Sweet herbs from all antiquity."

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OZZIE B. FLOWERS, husband

Deceased: January 17, 1961

YVONNE FLOWERS BRADLEY, daughter

Deceased: December 7, 1941

MARGARET FLOWERS

THOUGHTS ON DEATH

The stream is calmest when it near the tide,
And Flowers are sweetest at the eventide,
And birds most musical at close of day,
And saints divinest when they pass away.

Anon.

In loving memory of my

HUSBAND, BENJAMIN FIELDS

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for in due season we shall reap
if we faint not."*

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Ruth B. Chambers—President Local Missionary Society; S. S. Treasurer & Teacher; Member of Lay Organization; Treasurer, Indiana Conference Branch W.M.S.; Elected Delegate to Quadrennial Convention, 1975; served as Gary Area Chairman W.M.S., 4 years; Indiana Conference Baber Trustee; Member, Indiana Conference Lay Organization Executive Board.



MR. & MRS. FREDERICK D. COKER

Mr. Coker (deceased) was Supervisor of Altar Boys; served many years on Trustee Board; served many years as President of Crusaders Club; lived his life with courage, humor, style, and grace. Motto: Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man.

Geraldine A. Coker—Served many years as Sup't. of Sunday School; many years on Steward Board. Favorite Scripture, Romans, 12th Chapter.



LOLA STEWART MATHEWS

Joined Olivet during administration of the Rev. C. Emery Allen; rejoined after 16 years absence from South Bend.

Church Clerk and Secretary since 1960

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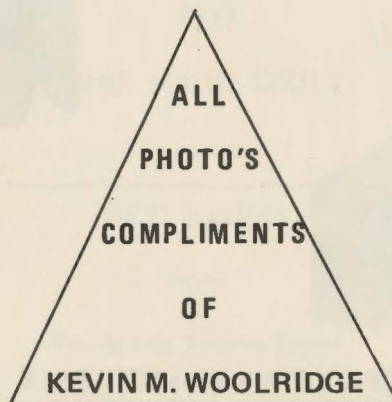
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